

addressed by limiting discovery for the first phase of the hearing to those matters relating to universal service and issues shared by universal service and unbundled network element costing.

36. For the reasons discussed herein, it is appropriate to consolidate the above-captioned dockets.

37. A procedural schedule permitting the Commission to meet the FCC's February 6, 1998 deadline should be established; however, if the FCC extends the deadline, the procedural schedule may be modified.

38. In the first phase of these proceedings, the Commission will address permanent rates for the loop, switching, signaling, and transport, as well as the cost of providing universal service. Discovery and testimony relating to other issues, such as the wholesale discount, collocation and non-recurring charges should be reserved for the second phase of these proceedings.

39. In the first phase of these proceedings, when direct and rebuttal testimony, briefs, and proposed decisions are filed, the parties should fully address how the cost studies submitted in this docket do or do not comport with (1) the ten criteria established in paragraph 250 of the FCC Order; and (2) the Commission's rulings in the arbitrations conducted by the Commission pursuant to the Act.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:**

1. The above-captioned dockets shall be consolidated.

2. A hearing in this docket shall commence on December 1, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room, Fourth Floor, PERA Building, Corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and continue through December 12, 1997.

3. On or before October 31, 1997, any party desiring to intervene shall file in the above-captioned dockets, with service upon all other parties of record, a Motion to Intervene as provided by the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

4. All parties shall file any cost models and direct testimony on or before October 31, 1997.

5. Responses to discovery requests must be received by the requesting party within one week of receipt of the discovery request.

6. All parties shall file any rebuttal testimony on or before November 21, 1997.

7. All briefs and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as described in this Order shall be filed on or before January 5, 1998.

8. All direct and rebuttal testimony, briefs and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by the parties for purposes of the first phase of these proceeding shall specifically address the ten FCC criteria described in this Order.

9. The Commission's Chief Clerk shall file all documents filed in the above captioned dockets after issuance of this Order in Docket No. 96-310-TC. A conformed copy of this Order shall be filed in the Chief Clerk's file in Docket No. 97-334-TC.

10. The Commission's Staff ("Staff") shall cause this Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order to be published in the Albuquerque Journal as soon as possible, but no later than October 6, 1997, and shall file with the Commission proof of said publication.

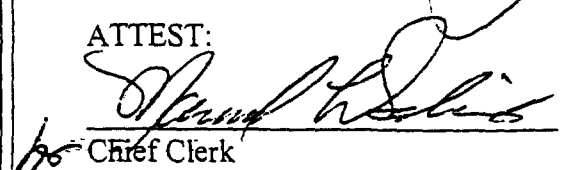
11. Staff shall mail this Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order to the Commission's telecommunications mailing list and file a certificate of such mailing not later than October 3, 1997.

12. Individuals with a disability who are in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, may contact Mr. Marc Martinez, Telecommunications Director, by November 20, 1997, at (505) 827-4495. Public documents associated with the hearing can be provided in various accessible forms for disabled individuals. Requests for summaries or other types of accessible forms also should be addressed to Mr. Martinez.

DONE this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997.

  
CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Chief Clerk

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION  
OF THE ADOPTION OF A RULE CONCERNING  
COSTING METHODOLOGIES**

**DOCKET NO. 96-310-TC**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF NEW RULES RELATED TO THE RURAL,  
HIGH COST, AND LOW INCOME  
COMPONENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND**

**DOCKET NO. 97-334-TC**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order in Docket No. 96-310-TC and 97-334-TC to be mailed\* to each of the following persons, First Class mail, postage prepaid, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997:

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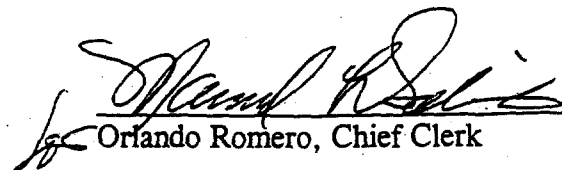
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